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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop forest cover to Taj and other important monuments in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such monuments which have been selected for the same, State-wise; and

(c) the time frame fixed for completion of the above work?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a)to(c) There is no proposal to provide forest cover around Taj and other important centrally protected monuments in the country. However, as per the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Archaeological Survey of India has developed a garden at Mehtab Bagh near Taj Mahal. There is also a direction from Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to develop green belt in the area in between Taj and Agra Fort.